Truth at last brought to light;

O R,

A full and whole Discovery of a Barbarous and Bloody Murder, some time since committed on the Body of an old Gentlewoman, Mrs. *Margaret Bristoll*, who lived in *Jacob-street*, in the Parish of St. *Mary Magdalen's Bermondsey* in *Southwark*: Also a Copy of the Examination of *Ambrose Creeke*, late of St. *Catherines*, near the *Tower*, *London*, and his free Confession of the said Murther before *John Crompe*, Esq; one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, at his House at St. *Margarets*, near *Rochester*, *November* the 6th. 1701. and his Commitment to *Maidstone* Goal.

This Person hath been so troubled with terror of Conscience for almost three Years since he committed this Horrid Murder, that he cou'd not Sleep Night nor Day, although he Travel'd Thousands of Miles by Sea and Land, but could never be at Rest, till he had Discover'd it.

With a Letter which was sent by the Justice's Clerk to Mr. *Thomas Bourne*, Attorney at Law, Son to the Deceased, in Old *Gravel-Lane*, who was the Person that was falsly suspected to have Murthered his own Mother, but happily Acquitted.

19. Nov. 1701.

SIR, *Nov.* 8th. 1701. *Rochester.*

THE Inclosed, are Copies of the Examination of *Ambrose Creeke*, who is the Person who Murthered your Mother: And truly, by all the Circumstances of his Confession, and by his Examination before the Justice of Peace, and the several Passages which he related to me before his Examination, I do verily think him to be the Man, who is only guilty of the said Murder.

I cannot but Congratulate your good Fortune (tho' unknown to me) and the great Satisfaction it will be to you to find your Parent's Matricide; which can be no less than an Act of Providence; as indeed the Divine Power seldom lets so great an Enormity go Unrevealed, or Unpunished.

The Person I do believe, has ever since had the Terrors of a troubled Conscience to Wrestle with, which has made him go about the Streets like a Mad or Lunatick Person, and reading in a Book with a Candle in his hand at Noon-day, which indeed made the World think him really Mad. But truly in his Arguments of Discourse, I take him to be one who may be termed *Non sanæ mentis*, but yet no Lunatick Person. But since his first Examination, he has been much better, and his Conscience much lenited and at ease (as to what he told me before) which was, that he never could Sleep without the Cries of the Party he Murthered in his Ears.

The Justice has Committed him to the County Goal at *Maidstone*, which you know is his Duty: But he would have been very willing to have served you in what he thought less Charges to you, *viz.* To send him directly to *Southwark*, where and in which County of *Surry* he must have his Tryal.

The Justice has Bound over *Mary Theodorick* to ~~Person~~ *Bristoll* the Prisoner, (who is a Person that has given some Depositions concerning the Murder, which follows) and doubts not but you'll go to some Justice and be bound your self, (as you know) what ought to be done in these Cases.

I having no more to add at present, but to assure you, that if I can serve you in any thing further in this Matter, or any thing else in this County, please to Command

Your Obliged Humble Servant, James Waller.

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Kent ff. *The Examination of* Ambrose Creeke, *late of St.* Catherine's, *near the Tower*, London, *Labourer*; *taken before* John Crompe *Esq*; *one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, at his House in St.* Margarets, *near* Rochester, *this 6th. day of* November, 1701.

THis Examinant saith, confesseth, and declareth, That about Three Years ago next *April* (as near as he can guess) he did then Lodge in *St. Catherines* aforesaid, and having been acquainted with an Old Gentlewoman that lived in a House (lately a Brokers) in *Jacob-street*, in the Parish of St. *Mary Magdalen's Bermondsey*, in *Southwark*, with whom he had some Dealing about some *East-India* Goods he had sold to her; and resolving to be Revenged on her, came one Night with another Person, (who was then his Acquaintance, but whose Name he this Examinant knoweth not, and has since heard to be Dead) and entred the Backside of the House of the said old Gentlewoman, and found her asleep upon the Bed; whereupon they together Strangled her with a Handkerchief and Stabbed her in several Places with an Iron Poker, and left her Dead in the Chimney Corner, and and afterwards made their Escape: And this Examinant went immediately to Sea in a Merchant-ship, the *Fame*, Captain *Betten* Commander. And this Examinant further saith, That he some-time after heard that the Son of the Old Gentlewoman was suspected to have done the said Murder, and had before a Justice, but was Acquitted. And further, the Examinant saith, That ever since the said Murder, he has been disturbed in Mind and Conscience, which forc'd him not longer to conceal the said Murder, which he never as yet declared before now. And further this Examinant saith not.

Dept. & Exat. die & Anno. Coram me Johan. Crompe.

Ambrose Creeke.

Kent ff. *The Information of* Mary Theodorick *of* Stepney, *in the County of* Middlesex, *Wife of* William Theodorick *of the said Parish Shipwright; taken upon Oath the 8th. of* November 1701. *Before* John Crompe, *Esq*; *one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, at his House in St.*, Margaret's, *near* Rochester.

THis Informant saith and deposeth, That she was very well Acquainted with a certain Old Gentlewoman, one *Margaret Bristoll*, who lived in *Jacob-street*, in the Parish of St. *Mary Magdalen's Bermondsey* in *Southwark*, who was Barbarously Murdered in her House, about two Years and an half ago, (and it will be three Years next *April*) by Persons unknown. And that great Search was made after the Persons who did the said Murder, and many taken upon Suspicion, but nothing being prov'd against them, were acquitted. And this Informant further saith, That the said Barbarous Murder was committed on the said *Margaret Bristoll* in the Night-time, by two Persons, who first Strangled her with an Handkerchief, and afterwards stabbed her in several places with an Iron Poker, but made their Escape afterwards. And this Informant further declareth, That having had Notice by the Constable of *Chatham*, that a Person was Taken who had declared and confessed the said Murder; and that he was the Party, who with another (who is since Dead) did commit the said barbarous Fact, she came to *Rochester*, and having heard the said Person declare the same before the Justice, who Examined him a second time, and finding all the Circumstances in his Examination, to be coherent, she this Informant does verily believe him to be the said Person, and that every thing he confessed to be true.

Juratus 8th. Novemb. 1701. *coramme*, Johan. Crompe.

Mary Theodorick.

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Where will be had the Tryal after the Assizes is over.